#### PACIFIC Commercial Advertiser.

[Correspondence of the P. C. Advertiser.]

Ms. Epron - Your journal has always been fond on the side of temperance and good morals. Heretofore, on proper occasions, it has been customary to admit into your columns articles disapproving of the manufacture of and traffic in intoxicating fiquers, and also at times modest communications of an opposite tenor, which was all very well in lang spar as a sort of hebdomadal pastime; but now the aspect of things has changed in the sudden forward movement in sugar plantations, and above all, since molasses has turned, not sour but amphib, and taken to the sea like shad, or at best to the manure hesp. Can't molasses be put to some better use than discoloring the se :? Have we a right to destroy thus what le bon Dieu has given us? Is there not a slight taint of criminality about it? Are we not conniving at or rather colluding with the best-intenpeople in the world to do wrong? Don't know-we are in a quandary : we have trusted, like Joh, to the sugar refinery, hoping that they might hit upon some process to stay the present waste of molasses. It is rumored that they have already done so, and that quite a nice profit can be made out of second molasses. That is encouraging, but unless the planters can make something too, they will not be likely to go into ecstacies about it. It is noticeable that the old planters are getting very shy of experiments; most of them are desirous of making their molasses into rum or pure spirits, as other sugar countries do. I have my doubts about the profits of that even; however that may be, the question of distilling or no distilling has become, like labor to the planters, a vital one to every person on the islands, and must be faced and settled before the adjournment of another Legislature. The Supreme Court has settled the constitutionality of (not) furnishing intoxicating drinks to the natives. I decidedly approve of that decision, and as to distilling mere phids, I disapprove of that more decide lly still. But the distillation of alcohol or pure spirits for exportation seems to me another question, and has nothing whatever to do with the great principles of temperance or of furnishing natives or any one else with intoxicating drinks. The question is--Can pure spirits be distilled from molasses and exported from the kingdom without increasing the present amount of drunkenness here ? It would be imbecile to say it can or cannot, for no one can possibly know until it has been tried-I only think it can be surrounded with such safeguards as to prevent its consumption here if thought best. Some planters aver that they could prevent drunkenness much better on their plantations if they were allowed to dist; il their molasses skimmings, washings and bad cane, and keep the spirits under lock and key till exported, than now, since the laborers have free access to all these at present, and one can easily guess the use they make of them. It would be useless to deny the laborers these waste articles unless the planter had a brigade of policemen to enforce his orders, besides it would appear mean, and a reputation for meanness is not desirable on a plantation. There is a wide difference in distilling pure spirits on a sagar plantation for exportation, and distilling pote o whiskey in Ireland, for independent neighbors. The latter is interested in selling every drop he can for his pecuniary benefit, while, on the other hand; the planter is interested in not selling a drop to eiger neighbors or laborers in order to keep peace and keep his men in the highest possible working condition, and there is little doubt but he would second the government in the severest preventive measures. Is it morally wrong to distill alcohol; Let us con-

sider that a little. Is it necessary " mention the million and one purposes for which it is used in medicine, sciences and arts, in order to establish its claim as a necessary of life and civilization? With. ous it the doctor would have to abandon his lotions. tinctures and liniments, the chemist his laboratory and the perfumer his trade. It is the solvent of every variety of resins, the uses of which are counted by legions. Mrs. Tidy would have to forego polished bureaus and tables, and varnished bedsteads and chairs; Miss Folly her rosy-cheeked pigments and photographs, the jeweler his trade and the old bachelor glutton his tea, for the want of a spirit lamp to fuse and to warm. Thermometrical observations in Arctic regions could not be performed. The hundred thousand cheap and now indispensable uses of India-rubber and Gutta percha would never have been known but for alcohol. Dr. Jayne and all other respectable temperance quacks would quick lose their occupation were it not for their fiery friend. Why, the Friend stated, sometime since, that Mr. Garrett, the American naturalist, used three hundred gallons of alcohol in the last three years preserving " Pacific" fish for the use of the department of natural history in "Old, Harvard," presided over by Professor Agassiz. If such is the case, these islands will not be able to produce alcohol enough from its molasses for the next hundred years to preserve specimens of new fish which are being created daily for the benefit of science. A big-souled, benevolent temperance radical may say that we could get along very well withcut specimens of spirit fish. Eh bien! perhaps so; I house his opinion because it is my own, but perhaps again I have no right to dictate to men of science how they shall preserve fish. In short, alcobil nowadays enters into every department and avoaction of life, a sort of familiar spirit, a presiding genius, one may say, as it is used for more purposes than water, and without it civilization would roll back five hundred years. Is such a lean tee-total talamity desirable? Would there be less drunkenness then? Guess not. The Roman Emperors and Vikings got beastly drunk on wine and beer before christian prelates took to " Arabian dew."

Well, if alcohol is indispensable and must be maile, why should not we do it out of good-fornothing-else molasses and other rubbigh, rather than it should be manufactured out of good digestible corn! Supply and demand regulate themselves with the rigidity of fate. The useles stuff we mauafacture at this end of the world will be fust so much bread served at the other to feed starving Lancashire and Lyonnaise operative Jupon. This is benovolence broad as humanity, and the sugar growers of the South should make tie teeming corn growing millions of the North unders and this kind of economy. The manufacturers of oc: "neutal Europe make beets into sugar or alcohol, a cording to the respective demand and don't seem to have any constientious scurples in the matter. The same in Liverpool-there corn is made into spirits or bread according to demand, and worse than all, the unchristian laws of christian England permit it, (while our molasses is running into the sea.)

Alcohol, we fear, and not rice is to be our next king. King Alcohol! as a drinking or boon companion I have little friendship for him. I have fought him valiantly since the days of Tempus and and to no great purpose after all. I shall die a martyr in the good cause and expect a monument to my memory; but that is no good reason why I should expect others to do the same, or sacrifice their material prosperity to please me. I have no right to demand that, but I do know that I am right on the main (e) question, and yet the alcohol, or even rum advocates, may be right too. In these

days of moral, religious and political wonders and blunders, nothing is certain. Opinions change like a weather-cock and nobody is hurt; the sun and moon seem to rise and set just the same and as if everything was all wright. A few years since a Peace Congress met somewhere in Europe, and " unanimously resolved" that war was ungodly, unchristian, utterly useless in settling disputes and a horrible nuisance generally, and all preachers of the gospel took up the peace cudgel and were ready to slav any one of a different opinion, yet the present slavery rebellion has brought into the field a whole regiment of peace ministers, not to fight with tongue cudgels, but with veritable muskets and bayonets, and more truculent fighters are not to be found among a million of the bravest soldiers in the world. What can one say or do in this topsy-turvy world where all is heterodox and nothing orthodox ! " Let'er rip" says one, but I don't; that is too undignified language for a gentleman to use. It will "rip" or rather "revolve notwithstanding," as Galileo said when he was forced by orthodox priests to renounce the theory of the earth turning on its

Some readers may think I am joking, but it is not so; I am tremendously earnest upon two points: First, that every human being should be temperate, not only in drinking spirits but in eating, drinking tea and coffee, using tobacco, opium, awa, hasheesh or taking medicine, in all of which there is little difference if taken in excess. Secondly, whether I have a right to compel others by law to live up to what I preach, but not to what I do sometimes on the sly, according to the doctor's prescription. Yes, that is the question, have I a right to legislate disbelievers into my way of thinking when it may be prejudicial to their material interests, and as is shown above, prejudicial to civil zation? "Kick not against the pricks," is sound doctrine, for kicking will not alter the nature of the thorn, but one thing can be done, we can "alter" our tactics : instead of blocking the stream we can jump into the boat and take the helm and "tide at the flood," then if man will "raise spirits" we will try to exorcise the bad ones and give him the best of them; that will be better for his bodily health, at least. I was going to say something upon the consistency of winking at the importation of all sorts of vile beverages and the probibition of making no worse ourselves, but time will not allow-I may revert to this

MR. EDITOR :- Please allow me space to answer Mr. Mason's answer to "Plain Christian" in defence of his (Mr. M's.) sermon. To commence, let me make an extract from the pungent note of " Plain Christian" which called it forth :

"I am perfectly bewildered with this talk about shade, shadow, image and likeness, and have nearly lost all conception of resemblance? Has God a nose, a mouth and eyes? Is he not a Spirit, an Intelligence? And if we have the same within us,

what further proof do we want of being His images?" To these pointed questions, which we should suppose would have revealed the absurdity of his substance theory, Mr. Mason, in the Polynesian of the 12th inst, replies :

"It is polite to answer questions, and therefore I desire to Plain Christian's" questions given in your last edition. 1st: 1 assure him I am perfectly satisfied with the scripture account of the creation of man! I am perfectly confident "Plain Christian" never could have been a monkey or a jackass, despite of Monlooddo's, Darwin's or Colenso's theories. 2d: 1 must also assure him that I am equally confident that God has ears, eyes, hands, and feet. It is the glorious consequence of the Incarnation-that He haz-cise how could St. Paul exhort the Ephesian elders to "teed the Church of God, which He has purchased with His own blood,"-or Jesus himself say "handle me and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and blood, as you see me have." Ergo, "Pixin Christian" may be able to understand why myself and others are not satisfied with the partial truth, that our spirits are made in the image of God. We recognize in our bodies the highest type, and we preach their santification, and their glorious explation hereafter. In conclusion let me caution "Plain Christian" against the use of such dangerous theological words, as substance and intelligence. For I might ask him to define the substance of man.

I pass over the somewhat unclerical reference to the monkey and jackass, which "Plain Christian" will doubtless appreciate, and ask Mr. M. if he has also such crude and gross notions of the Deity as to assert that his hands, eyes, feet and mouth are of the "old material substance of man?" Has he, then, teeth, nails and hair? The irreverence of the supposition Mr. M. and his "old material substance" theory are responsible for. That God incarnate had all these senses and substantial properties when upon the earth, the undivided church has always believed. But that the g'orified spiritual body, with which Christ ascended up on high, has still these gross material attributes in Heaven, we had supposed that no intelligent Christian in this age or in any faction of the divided church believed. Mr. M's caution to " Plain Christian" to avoid the use of such dangerous theological words as substance is very timely, and doubtless comes from the depth of a personal experience, since he has himself used it so often only to confuse his ideas.

Here then is the gist of the whole controversy. The heathen bishop of the dusky Diocese of Natal writes a shallow and superficial book, with the intent to prove that the butt end of the Bible is unworthy of credence, and that the roots of Revelation which antedate and underlie all authentic history, are sapless and shriveled; and one of his strong points is the absurdity of the statement that man was made in the image of God. He, assuming that this must refer to a material likeness, pronounces the passage absurd and hence uninspired. Never, till the crude profundities of the African Bishop set the Christian world to laughing, did we suppose that the plainest Christian doubted whether Moses meant to say simply that man was created in the moral likeness or spiritual image of the Creator, his soul being in harmony with the will of God, and his moral constitution responding to the character of God.

But, lo ! the cyphering Bishop of the Zulus has, in this kingdom of the Kamehameha's, begotten a shady, shadowy, yet semi substantial theology in his own image. A new "shade" is here given to the translation; only that the substantial sense which Colenso fixed upon the passage may be defended. Upon this theory of the text, Mr. M. makes the whole scheme of man's salvation rest :

"Upon the truth of this text rests the whole scheme of man's salvation I repest it: upon the truth of this text, whether spoken literally by God or not, rests the whole scheme of man's salvation. If you are already prepared to believe this, you will be surprised to hear the following bold rejection of this trath by a professedly Christian writer.'

And to sustain his view he represents God in the incarnation as being " made out of the old material) substance of man," and to can the climat he asserts of the glorified Savior in Heaven as respects his substantial properties, all that other plain Christians assert of him while upon the earth as God manifest in the flesh. Colenso is crude enough. But these gyrations in Honolulu theology beat all his figures of

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#### Foreign Selections.

Debate in Parliament on Recognition of the Confederacy.

[From the N. Y. Spectator, July 16.] In the House of Commons, on the 80th July, Mr. Roebuck offered his motion with respect to recognizing the Southern Confedracy. After some preliminary remarks, he cited the case of the American revolution, which established the right of rebellion or secession, and that of foreign governments to recognize the revolted states. The time had come for taking such a step, and longer delay would only force the South into manufacturing for itself. He parrated the history of his visit to the French Emperor last fall, and pledged his word that the Emperor had authorized him to say in the House of Commons that he had instructed Baron Gros to propose negotiation to the English government. Much f the gentleman's speech consisted of a tirade of abuse of this county, and the antislavery party in

Lord R. Montague moved, as an amendment, that this House earnestly desire that the impartial neutrality should continue to be maintained by her Majesty's government during the present unhappy contest in the states of North America. He yielded to no one man in sympathy and admiration for the South, but they were now on the point of working out their independence, and they ought not to be interfered with. He also objected to any interven-

Mr. Clifford seconded the amendment. The Chancellor of the Exchequer said it was the duty of every responsible adviser of the crown to divest himself of partiality in considering such a question as this, and to regard facts alone in forming a calm and deliberate judgment. Few who had observed the heroic deeds of the South could withhold that sympathy; but, on the other hand, the noble lord conceived visions of extended dominion to which they clung with pardonable tenacity. Such a question as this must be argued, not as the basis of British interests, or that British interests were threatened by the prospects of the American Union. He believed that the policy of strict neutrality and non intervention was the only one that would have been approved by the country, and in the spirit of that policy government still desired to act.

He did not believe that the restoration of the Union was attainable, and this was the general opinion of the country, regarded in the light that there could be no doubt of the issue. No practical benefit could result from recognition at present. There was no case in which such a recognition had taken place without being followed by war, and admitting the evils of the war, they must take care that in remedying one evil they did not fall into a greater. A recognition would deprive this country of the character and weight of impartiality. When a time for intervention did arrive this country had many traditional relations and interests. France, by her action in Mexico, had engagements which prevented her recognition of the South without incurring a tount of impartiality or self-interest fatal to their interest and authority.

Traditionally and naturally America affected to be independent of European opinion; but they had more faith in the gentle act of that opinion than in diplomatic acts, but action would be destroyed by a recognition of the South. It would also rouse in the North that spirit of patriotic reistance which had hitherto been the great secret of Southern success and Northern in feriority, and it would check any reaction that might be going on in the minds of American

citizens in favor of peace. Mr. Foreter reviewed the relations of Mr. Roebuck to the French Emperor, terming the former a second Ambassador. He deprecated the idea of England following the Imperial guidance into war with America, as it had drifted into the Crimean war, and would probably do so into another Russian war on account of Poland.

Lord R. Cecil supported the motion, maintaining that the North could never conquer the South and that the present English Government was the sole obstacle to recognition. Mr. Bright said that the honorable member for

Sheffield had left them in no manner of doubt as to 381-1m his object, which, when his recent character and recent speeches were considered, was the same as if he had asked the House to address the Crown and declare war against the United States. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was not very warm on this N SUMS TO SUIT, BY subject, was obliged to charge him with bitter hos- 1 381-1m

The honorable gentleman told them that the North New was overbearing, but he did not tell them its government had hitherto been administered by his friends of the South. He told them that the South were English, but not the soum of Europe. He had de- 100 LES. REFINED CAMPHOR, tailed a conversation with the Emperor of the French, and asked them to follow his lead in the greatest question ever submitted to that House. There was a time when the honorable member held very different language. He said he had no faith in the Emperor of the French, and he looked for nothing but enmity and bad faith from him. The honorable member then proceeded to defend the policy of the North, and ex. 'ARSAPARILLAS-Ayers', Townsend's, Sands', Thayer's, and pressed his opinion that slavery was doomed, and the estoration of the Union not impossible. He would suppose that it was possible the Union would be re- iAIR RESTORERS-Mrs. Allen's, Wood's and Fish's stored on the basis of the South, although he did not believe it, for he had faith in the moral government fair brushes and combs, of the world. The United States could, with their army and navy and vast recources, drive us out of Canada and the West Indies.

He condemned in strong terms the policy and obects of the Southern seceded states, and spoke of the North as the organized defender of liberty, freedom and equality. A war with the United States would be a war on the ocean, and everything belonging to both countries would be swept from the seas. When the trouble in America was over, whether the Union was restored or not, it would leave a wound in the hearts of the most instructed and the wealthiest people on earth which a century would not heal; but he rayed the Great Arbitrator of events would never 382-3m permit this country to commit the most stupendous act of guilt ever recorded in the annals of the world. Mr. Wyndham moved the adjournment of the de-

Sir G. Gray said he would not now notice the extraordinary conduct of Mr. Roebuck in constituting imself an envoy to the Emperor of the French. although such conduct was a violation of all confidence and official courtesy. He repeated the declarations of Earl Russell in the House of Lords, and expressed his inability to reconcile them with the statement of Mr. Roebuck. As to his personal knowledge of the views of the Emperor of the French. they were totally at variance with the information assessed by the Foreign Office. He utterly denied that there was the slightest ground for the complaint that confidential communications of the Emperor had been submitted to the Federal Government; such a charge was preposterous, and Mr. Roebuck must have misunderstood the Emperor, who has always expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which his views had been considered by Her Majesty's

The debate was then adjourned to the 13th

Dangers of Foreign Intervention -- Ruling Principles of European Powers. [From the N. Y. Times of 10th July.]

Some of our cotemporaries speak of our recent victories as having ended all thought and all danger of intervention on the part of Foreign Powers. While the Union was losing ground, France and England, they say, would have been willing to interfere; but as soon as victory inclines to the other side, all motive for intervention disappears, and they will become anxious again to stand well with the Government of the United States. We do not concur in this view of the subject. On the contrary, the dangers of intervention were never so near, in our judgment, as on the eve of decisive victories on the part of the United States.

It must be borne in mind that neither France nor England, or any other Power will be guided by sentimental considerations in their action upon this or any other matter of equal magnitude. They will not be influenced in the slighest degree by sympathy, by regard for the imperiled principles of free government, by Slavery, or by anything else of the kind. So far as we are concerned they care not practically one straw whether our Government survives or perishes. They will act in this as in all other matters, from a paramount and supreme regard to their own interest. They have sagacious statesmen at the head of their affairs-men accustomed to look far into the future for the grounds of their public action, and least of all likely to be swerved from their own convictions of their own good by any thoughts of philanthropy or sympathy for other people. And it must never be forgotton that the ruling classes in both countries either have everything to gain in the long run by so crippling the United States as to make it no longer formidable in arms, or overshadowing in its political and moral nfluence. The great enemy of both Louis Napoleon

and the English aristocracy is the spirit of Democracy They have more to fear from that than from all otier causes combined. Both have been compelled to consult it, while they detest and abhor it. It is a for they cannot deceive and one they dare not brave. All up to the present time, the influence of this Roublic has done more to give that Democratic sprit vigor, and force, and active, irrepressible life, the all other causes combined. Our example has ben a constant stimulus to political discontent in Ecope. The unexampled prosperity which our peple have enjoyed, their entire freedom from harsh oppressive rule, their full share in the election of heir own rulers and the enactment of their own las, the splendid career thrown open to individual en'gy and enterprise, and the more than imperial poer with which this tree Republic was beginning toionfront the hostile despotisms of the world and to chillenge for man everywhere his civil and his indivinal rights, have exerted a silent but resistless presure upon the minds and hearts of the great

mis of the people of every European State.

he Governments of Europe, naturally enough,

ses deliverance from this impending peril. The Eglish aristocracy desires, above all things, a final at conclusive check to the stormy and swelling Descracy which, from year to year, more and more olly asserts its claims. Louis Napoleon seeks as hifirst necessity to silence these Republican rumbbgs that, with ominous forebodings, disturb his pee and menace the stability of his imperial throne; at they both look forward eagerly and hopefully to th downfall of this Republic as the consummation ofheir hopes. How fervent their prayers for peace with separation! How urgent their appeals that wshould end the war-by conceding the independece of the Southern States! How heart touching the reonstrances of these tender-hearted tyrants-who ner for an instant spared blood or butchery when nded to cement thrones; who with remorseless impaiality sweep with the besom of destruction the des homes of the Irish poor, the crowded plains of refled India, and the thronged Boulevards of Prs, of men, women and children, when they stand intie path of their ambition-against the loss of lif which our great contest for civil liberty has come toinvolve. But they give no hint of peace with a reored Union. Their advice of peace is all given tche Government, not a syllable to those who are in ass against it. Their proffered intervention procds on the assumption that the Union is at an end. to long as the South seemed likely to maintain its isependence, they could afford to stand still. The el they desired was working itself out steadily and sely enough. But if now the tide should turn-if aweeping tide of victories should threaten to engulf t rebellion, and give us back the grand Republic ain, stronger than ever in courage and discipline, al in hearty and cordial union against every seme of foreign aggression and conquest, their crished hopes would meet a fatal and a final blight. by will not permit such a result if they can avert They will press their schemes of intervention when and where they can avail the most against estoration of the American Union. Louis Napoh has already conquered Mexico, and will make country, to all intent and purposes, a French vince, and the starting point for fresh acquisias. He is determined to seize and hold the rich ver and gold mines of Sonora on the Western coast. I to plant upon the Gulf of Mexico the founds. ns of a new and permanent empire. The accomshment of these grand designs demands, as its ential condition, the destruction of the Government the United States, and we may rest assured that ery step taken in our affairs by either France or gland will be in that interest and with a view to

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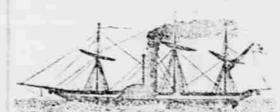
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